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EDITORIAL: "The Puppet and the Puppeteer"

Ufology is a funny business. We have lots of questions and very few answers, but we tend to presume we know an awful lot more than we should. After all we do NOT know whether UFOs are controlled machines, natural phenomena or psychological/psychic experiences. Some evidence points one way, some the other. We can surmise that we may have at least two out of three if not three out of three of these answers - but then again we may be overlooking one, all embracing, solution that would dispense with all our current theories and their inadequacies.

We all have our own theories, of course - and why not? So long as we do not dogmatically insist that we know the answers then fair enough. The problem is that we are too wrapped up in conjuring up airey-fairey theories that we tend to forget that you can do that until the cows come home but you won't get anywhere. What it needs is to set up tests for these theories - and we can do that, in a lot of cases, based on the data we have. After all psychological manifestations behave differently, in some respects, than extraterrestrial spaceships. We should be able to test the data and come up with evidence one way or another - but we don't. Why? Perhaps because, deep down, many of us do not want to find any answers - especially if they are not the ones that we are personally hoping for. Let's keep hope alive, at least, they say - and so they do nothing and keep guessing.

There are many questions that we must answer. For example, many of you no doubt watch Dr. WHO on TV (even if you don't admit to it!) Recently there have been three very odd coincidences connected with it. Firstly, the names of the grotesque aliens in the Aveley abduction were given by the witnesses as the 'Sebatean' unaware that this was the name of the race that the doctors old assistant, Leela, came from (as noted in an obscure episode). Then, a few weeks ago, the 'Shadow' said... "A thousand years will mean nothing..." - or words like that - precisely the thoughts expressed by the Aliens in the 1976 Mr L abduction case.

Both of these could, conceivably, be attributed to either the witnesses watching Dr WHO in one case or the producer reading FSR (and the Mr L story) in the other. Not so the character of MERAK, in the recent series. That is the exact name of the aliens in the Paul Grant abduction - which has not been publicised. Thus we have the problem are these coincidences only? Bearing in mind the editorial last month and the correlations below this seems unlikely. Coincidences in UFO research seem to be a good deal more than random comings together of facts. Somewhere there is a puppeteer and a puppet - but which way round? Do we have an alien intelligence infiltrating in this way - or are we the indirect cause of these coincidences? Dr Lyall Watson said on a TV programme that he was on recently (see P.2) that the late 78 spate of UFO sightings came just when we needed a boost (life on Mars had been disproved). He suspected we were our own catalyst for their occurrence.

So what are we - the puppet..... or the puppeteer?

MORE CORRELATIONS (Noted by Bernard Delair, CONTACT UK from NUN no 55)

Oct 8 Penysarn (p5) similar domed blimp seen same evening Bellingham, USA

Sep 22 Birmingham (p5) similar horseshoe and egg shapes seen same evening in Argentina - causing teleportation in one instance.



Sub overdue

DON'T FORGET - WE STILL WANT ARTICLES FOR NEXT MONTH'S 'NORTHERN UFOLOGY' ON THE THEME..... "UFO ABDUCTIONS - WHAT ARE THEY?" (or What for?) .START WRITING NOW!

DAVID REES's NEWS COLUMN WILL BE BACK NEXT MONTH

PUBLICATIONS REVIEW

The latest issue of FSR contains full reports on two cases featured in NUN before (The Stonehenge Movie Films & The Maccynelleth CE3) CNK has tried an experiment and produced a monthly issue. This is apparently to use up all articles on stock as the magazine goes out of print in December. (Editor Edward Harris says that he feels that 10 years of UFO research has got him nowhere - so where will 10 more years get him?) Issue 20 contains a good review of the House of Lords debate with speeches quoted from official records. UFO INFO have a novel idea for their quarterly issues. They are now being produced very large size as single page posters on a collection of topics - giving data on UFO matters. An excellent concept. Finally, Andy Collins (UFOIN) has produced a new magazine (aimed to be bi-monthly) called SOUTHERN UFO SIGHTING REVIEW. It features report summaries (mostly from Essex, Greater London and Suffolk). You can obtain a copy simply by sending Andy two first class stamps.

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Bernard Delair of CONTACT UK was saying recently that some research done recently into UFO publications shows that most last two years, no more. There are a few UK exceptions, of course - one of which is NUN (NUFON is five years old on March 19th and this newsletter follows with the May issue - number 60)

NEWS

Hopes are looking bright that very soon now we shall have a fully integrated UK network of groups. This British UFO Network, will be organised along the same loose format lines as NUFON with three regional networks - NUFON, MidUFON & SUFON being the cohesive and closely aligned components. Each will function regionally with its own publications (compatible so that anyone can subscribe to all UK data) and meetings, but there will be overall cooperation on research and national ventures. MidUFON is well on the way to becoming operational, with its first publication of "Midlands UFOLOG" scheduled for this month. SUFON is progressing at a faster rate now and are shortly to publish their second issue of "Southern UFO News". It is unlikely that there will be any immediate effects on yourselves, but the achievement of a liaison system of 95% of all British UFO groups will be a great step forward for ufology in this country - and ultimately in the world.

Recent publicity for NUFON has been gaining momentum. TITBITS magazine are shortly to feature an interview with Jenny Randles, and she has also just been interviewed for ANNABELLE. Granada TV are launching a new Saturday morning programme to compete with 'Multi Coloured Swap Shop' called 'The Mersey Pirate'. NUFON has been helping them put together a feature on UFOs, which includes a reconstruction of a sighting in Warrington last October (see NUN Dec) and an interview with Jenny Randles. On February 21 Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall were also invited by Granada TV to take part in a discussion with author Dr Lyall Watson on their 'Live From Two' programme. Lyall, author of bestsellers, 'Supernature', 'The Romeo Error' and 'Gifts of Unknown Things' has a new book published, Feb 19 entitled 'Lifetide' which has a section about UFOs in it. During the programme he expressed his agreement with the views of Jacques Vallee (developed by Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington in their book "UFOs: A British Viewpoint") that UFOs are a psychic phenomenon which is catalysed into reality by the percipient.

Over in the UK at present is a researcher sent over by Dr. J. Allan Hynek and Stephen Spielberg. She is putting together data for a major documentary that Spielberg intends to produce (as his follow up to 'CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND') It seems that plans are for a three hour programme - which is very likely to be seen over here at the same time as in the USA, although probably on TV. A rehashed version of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' with basically the same plot but some new scenes and a different ending is released in the USA this Spring. There are no plans so far to release it over here - although doubtless it will get here.

A TASTE OF PORRIDGE!!..... Recently a letter was received from H.M.Prison at The Dana, Shrewsbury, Salop. The writer, William Gould, related his escapades whilst at another of Her Majesty's establishments in Hull. It was sometime in 1976 and late at night. Through the large window space that he had he saw a massive dark shape, high in the sky, leapfrogging across. It would accelerate, stop, jump, stop etc - leaving a red tail that maintained the same length. He was amazed. Five minutes later an RAF fighter streaked overhead in the direction where the UFO had vanished. About a month later it was a hot night. At midnight he was still awake, when the sky became a mass of aircraft flying around. Suddenly a brilliant white light rose up from some nearby woods, hovered and then streaked away. It seems that prison gives one time to think..... and to spot UFOs!

REPORT CODINGS..... Cases are divided into LOW DEFINITION (Objects with no definable shape), MEDIUM DEFINITION (objects with a clear shape), INSTRUMENTAL (radar or photographic cases) and four categories of CLOSE ENCOUNTER (events where there is witness-phenomenon interaction). CE 1, 2, 3 and 4 cases are suffixed with codings to indicate special features of the case (eg EMC - electromagnetic interference)..... In addition an INVESTIGATION LEVEL is included in five levels A (on site) B (interviews) C (Report form only) D (letter or written statements) E (third hand data only - eg via newspapers)

At the suggestion of Martin Keatman of UFOFA from this month we are adding a REPORT CONTENT MONITOR. This will enable you to see just what the case report includes and judge the relative standards of investigation of the groups. This will include a figure, denoting the approx number of A4 size pages of text and a T or H (for typewritten or handwritten report). A bracket will add M (map), P (site photos) or S (witness sketches) where appropriate.

LOW DEFINITION ACTIVITY

Ref	Date	Time	Place	Remarks	Group	Level/RCM	Evaluation
77-309	May 13	03.45	Ulverston, Cumbria	W LITS	-	D	Insuff
77-310	Oct 2	23.00	Wordsley, W. Mid	W LITS	UFOSIS	C 2H	Star
78-200	Sep 19	06.40	Coventry, W. Mid	2 W lines	UFOSIS	C 2H	Insuff
78-205	Nov 3	19.45	Penkridge, Staffs	2 W LITS	UFOSIS	C 2H-(S)	Aircraft
78-206	Nov 15	19.45	Darley, W. MID	2 W LITS	UFOSIS	C 2H-(S)	Insuff
78-207	Nov 20	16.15	Cotes Heath, Staffs	3 W LITS	UFPRA	B 3T-(S)	Flares
78-208	Nov 26	17.55	Coventry, W. Mid	W&R LITS	UFOSIS	C 3H-(S)	Insuff
78-209	Dec 23	23.15	Blackburn, Lancs	Or Flash	DIGAP	A 1H-(M)	Electric
78-211	Dec 28	18.00	Allesley, W. Mid	Or LITS	UFOSIS	C 2H	Insuff
7912	Jan 11	17.40	Morecambe, Lancs	W LITS	NLUFOIG	E	Insuff
7913	Jan 17	22.30	Water, Lancs	W LITS	-	E	Insuff

78-203 Oct 23 1978 : 18.50 Atherstone, Warwicks UFOSIS Level C

A 27 year old housewife and her young son observed a white light appear by the side of some trees and hover for about 1 minute. It was in the E at elevation 15 degrees. It then started to move following the line of trees and not much above treetop height. It passed by very close but despite lack of wind no sound was heard. As it passed by it appeared as a row of three lights with an indistinct but rounded shape surrounding them. The object passed by slowly, climbing slightly and was lost after about five minutes in the NW, still low at elevation 15. The next door neighbour was called to see it and next day other villagers said that they had seen it..... Investigation Ted Horton.... 4H-(s) UNKNOWN

LOW DEFINITION CASES: 12 Insufficient data (7) Star (1) Aircraft (1)
Flare (1) Electrical discharge (1)
UFO (1) = 8.5%

MEDIUM DEFINITION ACTIVITY

Ref	Date	Time	Place	Group/Investigator	Level/RCM	Evaluation
78-199	Aug 14	21.15	Sedgley, W.M	RUSIG-D. Waugh	A - 3T-(S)	Pos Meteor Woman and son saw blue sphere fall to earth silently. 7 second duration.
78-204	Nov 2	19.30	Bolton, Gt Mc	DIGAP-S. Balon	C 3H-(M,S)	Insuff Object like hat with porthole in top seen stationary then moving 3 mins.
73-212	Dec 31	23.56	Yardley, W.M	UFOSIS-T. Horton	B 4T-(s)	Insuff Large star with dome atop, coloured pink. Stationary then moved slightly and faded out. Total duration 4 mins plus (taking the sighting into 1979!)
7909	Jan 1	00.02	Wirral, Msysde	B. Fishwick	C 1T-(S)	Insuff Two witnesses from Llandudno saw five red ovals appear in sky over Wirral and move N. Appeared one after other. Duration 7 minutes. Reflection in sea was seen. NOTE TIME CORRELATION WITH THE REPORT IMMEDIATELY ABOVE (UFOs letting in new year?)
7910	Jan 1	03.00	Halton, Lancs	NIUFOIG-I. Cresswell	E	Insuff Large yellow pear shaped object visible for 15 minutes plus.
7914	Jan 18	16.00	St Helens, Msy	B. Fishwick	A 1T-(S)	Insuff Three workers in ladies hairdressers plus customers saw two yellow bullets with a tail at back. Mov: slowly E-W. In view 5 mins. Seen at 1.45pm next day also. On both occasions Liverpool ATC had aircraft low over the town at exact time. (Viscount -16.00 18 Jan; Boeing 707 - 13.45 19 Jan) but TWO objects seen

MEDIUM DEFINITION CASES: 10 Insufficient data (5) Meteor (1)
UFO (4) = 40% (See below & P.5)

April 23 1977 (23.55) Mickleover, Derbyshire Inv: UFORA (Martin Keatman) A
This case is important as the witness has 20 yrs experience as an engine inspector for Rolls-Royce Aircraft. He is now aged 50. The witness had just put his car in the garage. Suddenly in the clear sky he saw a localised flash like an explosion of white light (taking up less than 1/2 degree) in the S, elevation 60. After a second it faded but 15 degrees below it appeared a craft dropping nose down vertically from the sky. Length was estimated as 15cm at arms length at its closest point (it rapidly grew bigger as it fell). This gives a size of over 40 metres for the UFO. Initial speed was 2000MPH and there was a glowing area of 'heat' around the outer rim. This was pink interspersed with green and red. The object itself was dull metallic silver in a domed disc made out of three layers. Sparks flew from the overheated area at irregular intervals. It pulled out of the dive and swept up and back on itself in an S curve, decelerating dramatically. It swooped down and up in another S curve (at the bottom of both it glowed again) and then disappeared behind his garage now doing only about 150MPH. He ran to a place to see again and saw it had sprouted two flimsy, tapering wings from the edges. It swept in an arc with the right and left wing flexing alternately. It then moved away W towards Burton on Trent with the course straightening out by four 'wobbles'. Each 'wobble' was less noticable and continually slowed the object. It went out of sight (total duration 35 secs) doing only about 50MPH. After the first 'wobble' the wings disappeared instantly. No sound was heard except a slight swish of displaced air as it pulled out of the initial S curve. The witness says that the 'G' forces must have been incredible. He also claims to have seen a ghost in his childhood..... 77/308 17T-(M,S)..... UNKNOWN

(What is perhaps most interesting here is that this unprecedented UFO is just the kind of UFO suited to an aircraft engineer. He could not have created one better himself..... maybe he didn't! Jenny Randles)



Side View



Rear view plus wings



Under side

Sept 27 1978 (21.45) Baumber,Lincs Inv: UFCSIS (Ted Horton)

C

Witness driving at 70MPH on country road suddenly saw lights behind him. Thinking it was the police he slowed, but they kept pace. He turned off onto a very minor road towards Minting. Thinking it was a coach he was amazed to see it stick with him round a series of bad bends. It always hugged the road and kept the same distance. It was a row of about six white lights with a hazy dome above it and two intense rectangular headlights in front. Immediately he entered the village he lost it in streetlight glare. He stopped at a phonebox but nothing passed him. There was no turn off on the country lanes for it to vanish. This stretch of road was the scene of another car chase in March 1978 (see Report 7880)..... 78/201 4H-(M,S)

UNKNOWN

Dec 26 1978 (17.53) Stone,Staffs Inv: UFORA (Martin Keatman)

A

A 19yr old lab assistant walking to a friends house saw in the NNW at 75 degree elevation a red and white light which he at first took to be an aircraft. As it came closer, however, the shape was clear. It was like a shallow plate with a strutted dome in the centre (like a Spitfire cockpit). The large red light was at one end and three straw coloured lights in the middle. A further straw light was stop the dome. The outline was not illuminated but seemed to be dark metallic. No sound was heard. The object banked at about 150 feet high changed course and moved off in the SSW. Duration was about 25 seconds..... 78/210 6T-(M,S)... UNKNOWN

Jan 9 1979 (15.00) Cheadle,Staffs Inv: UFORA (Derek James)

E

A teachee in the adult literacy scheme was listening to a pupil read and idly looking out of the window into the clear sky. In the W, moving on a straight course E, she saw an odd object. Elevation was 15 degrees and the apparant size was very large. It was roughly rectangular and silver, but glinting gold in patches like crinkled silver paper. It moved slowly and she watched it for several moments until a fence post cut it from view. Moments later two RAF planes flew past in the same direction. Two independant cooperative reports (describing it as a red diamond) were received. They also refered to the aircraft.... 7911 5H-(S) ... UNKNOWN

INSTRUMENTAL CASES

1 CASE

UFO (1)

May 20 1977 (21.15) Cleveleys,Lancs Inv: Bryan Hartley

B

Man, then aged 64, had gone to bed early as he was going on holiday next day. Saw in NE in clear blue sky with slight yellow haze a grey/black 'tyre' shape with a dot. Elevation 50, very large. Took out his camera loaded with Kodachrome film and took two shots. It slowly drifted away (took 4 minutes) to N and was lost, elevation 15. When it disappeared it was the size of a matchstick at arms length. After 5 mins it returned and hovered by the garage. He went outside and knocked up two neighbours and took three more snaps as it silently hovered. It was large and clear in the viewfinder. It then drifted back on its norther course again and disappeared. All his other film was OK, but these 5 shots all turned out totally black. NUFON has cooperative reports from the St Helens area..... 77/302 2H-(S) ... UNKNOWN

CLOSE ENCOUNTER ACTIVITY

Ian Cresswell has notified of a press cutting from the Morecambe Visitor that may be a CE 3A. The case (6723) occured at 1am on Friday, August 4 1967 - in the midst of a major flap. He is attempting to persue the case. It concerns 18yr old David Spencer who was walking along the promenade at Heysham, Lancs when he saw a white light shoot across from one cloud to another. It hummed and was visible about 3 seconds. Before him stood a figure, which seconds later vanished suddenly. He was a met observor in the Royal Navy. At prewent this must be classed insufficient data.



78-201



78-210



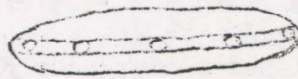
7911



77-302

Sept 1 1936 (19.30) Hilderstone, Staffs Inv: BUFORA (Larry Dale & Tony Pace)
UFORA (Martin Keatman) B

The witness was then a 14 year old girl living on a farm. She went to draw some water from a well and saw this object hovering over a brook and cricket pitch very close to her (length of two cricket pitches). It was dusk on a clear evening so she had a good view. The UFO was in a dip in the land so below the normal skyline almost on the ground. It glided across W-E very smooth and silent and possibly hovered. It was cigar shaped, brownish 'camouflage' like colour with five portholes giving out yellow light. At least two were non-reflective. She has no idea how long it was there. She was transfixed and time stood still. When she returned to her senses she had drawn water but she does not recall doing so. She felt that the object was watching her. It is not possible to know if there was a time lapse as she did not know the time accurately and would not have been missed if she had been away several minutes longer than usual. She thinks the encounter may have effected her blood since tests showed it to be very rare A Rh (D) Positive. She needed a transfusion and doctors could not understand in 1961 how she had survived without serious illness.



CE 1 Psycho Physio? 3601..... 13T- (M,S) UNKNOWN

Oct 8 1978 (20.40) Dudley, West Midlands Inv: UFOSIS (Mark Pritchard) A

On a clear, cool night 5 teenagers were startled by a loud bang and the sky briefly lighting up bright blue (it was dark). In the SW appeared a cross shaped object which was white. The size at arms length was that of a golf ball. It shot up into the sky very fast and hovered, now smaller (size of a pea at arms length). The boys watched for about five minutes as it pulsed slowly in and out white - dull grey. Then it moved off to the W and was finally lost into the

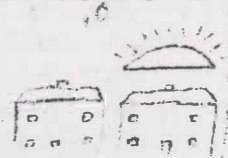


horizon. The father of the main reporting witness, Richard Bakewell, also heard the bang and homes in the area at the time of initial sighting (when the UFO was low over rooftops) apparently experienced brief TV interference.

CE 1 EM 78-202..... 3T- (S) INSUFFICIENT

Jan 21 1979 (17.10) Hanley, Staffs Inv: UFORA (Alan Beard) A

William Sagar, aged 49, was drawing the livingroom curtains he saw a flat bottomed dome in the SW, elevation 25 degrees. It was hovering between houses. It was coloured yellow like a belisha beacon. The size was that of the roof over which it hovered (this was measured at interview to be about 2 inches at arms length). It hovered for a few seconds and then streaked away to the right (N) at a speed that was impossible to follow. In the place where it had been there was left for a brief time a yellowish puff of smoke or vapour. No sound was heard at any time, although the TV was on and was suffering from considerable picture interference at that moment. As the picture is 'piped' direct to Mr Sagar's set this was extremely unusual. The witness claims to be quite psychic, having seen ghosts on two occasions and having had numerous... instances of precognition.



CE 1 EM 7915..... 8T- (M,S) UNKNOWN

CLOSE ENCOUNTER CASES: 4 Insufficient data (2)
UFO (2) = 50%

TOTAL CASES IN THIS ISSUE: 27 UFO (8) = 29.6%

Distribution: Cumbria (1) Lancs (6) Merseyside (2) Gtr Manchester (1)
Staffs (6) Derbyshire (1) Lincs (1) Warwicks (1) W. Midlands (3)

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